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Good work Gary Gray !!

Cam

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Thanks Murray. The press release has gone too general media so hopefully some will pick it up.

Wayne Scott

MinEx says no silicosis risk for residents (2)

This is a great article, but nothing that we didn't already know. Pleased that Wayne has met with Dr Humphrey as it is...

Murray Francis

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Change to CoC requirements could help Tai Poutini

Cameron Massey - Fri, 02 Mar 2018

Expanding the course requirements for health and safety Certificates of Competence to a New Zealand Certificate or Diploma could help Tai Poutini Poytechnic's situation, MinEx says.



A review by the Tertiary Education Commission in 2015 found an under-delivery of learning hours in 13 of 14 programmes provided by TPP.

The under-delivery meant the Greymouth-based polytechnic has been over-paid for the amount of training delivered, by \$25 million. This debt has been written off by the Government due to the institute's financial challenges.

MinEx chief executive Wayne Scott says he is aware of people that only enrolled in the full certificate or diploma qualification to tap into government funding with no intention of completing the course.

"They've got just as far as they need to go to get their CoC then dropped out."

MITO, the industry training organisation, provides funding support for enrolments in a Certificate of Diploma of Mining and Quarrying, but not for those seeking only the unit standards necessary for the CoC.

Scott has long championed the proposal that a Certificate or Diploma of Mining and Quarrying, among the other requirements, should replace the current group of unit standards required to gain a CoC. MinEx submitted in that vein on WorkSafe's review of CoC requirements.

Sharper focus

TPP chief executive Alex Cabrera says the financial challenges TPP faces are "a result of factors from all programmes" delivered on the West Coast and around the country.

"With regard to our mining programmes, over the past three years TPP has been concentrating on training people to be safe, efficient and effective as mine managers and other specialist roles within the mining industry.

"The days of training people just enough to gain a unit standard are gone."

The focus is now on students graduating with full New Zealand Qualifications Authority qualifications.

Scott agrees and says this supports what MinEx is suggesting. "Providing pathways to qualifications for young people who enter the extractives sector will improve skills and knowledge in the sector. This will inevitably lead to improved health and safety outcomes."

Financial assistance

Government-appointed TPP crown manager Murray Strong says the institute's new management and governance teams are "very aware" of the financial and strategic challenges they face, along with the serious issues identified in the Tertiary Education Commission report, released on Wednesday.

He says the polytechnic has already taken steps to address many of the issues raised in the report.

"Our focus has remained sharp on the need to deliver quality education that gets local people into local jobs."

Education Minister Chris Hipkins says the government would give the institute \$8.5 million to stay open this year and into next year.

Sector in trouble

Tai Poutini is not the only polytechnic around the country facing financial hardship.

Polytechnic leaders attended yesterday a crisis meeting with the Minister as they try to find a solution for the struggling sector.

The Government has warned that half of the country's 16 polytechnics will be in deficit within two years, and 80 per cent will be losing money within five years.

Manukau Institute of Technology chief executive Gus Gilmore told Radio NZ the funding model under the previous government had hurt vocational training institutions. He said close to \$30 million had moved away from polytechnics and into universities.

The competitive funding model pits polytechnics against other institutes, including universities, for funding from a fixed pool.

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Bernie Napp
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Review

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment is reviewing the implementation of the Health and Safety at Work (Mining Operations and Quarrying Operations) Regulations 2016 – the Mining Regulations.

An MBIE spokesperson says any amended regulations should be in place by the end of the year. The regulatory framework for mining CoCs is part of the review.

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